

State of Alaska FY2007 Governor's Operating Budget

Department of Health and Social Services Children's Services Training Component Budget Summary

Component: Children's Services Training

Contribution to Department's Mission

The Office of Children's Services Training component provides education and training to OCS social workers, social services associates, licensing workers, supervisors, and managers. Training is designed to enhance workers' ability to recognize abuse and neglect, prevent abuse and neglect from occurring, increase their skills in working with children and their families, and strengthen workers' ability to assess when it is necessary to retain custody of a child.

Core Services

The Office of Children's Services and the University of Alaska have partnered to provide the three primary programs of this component: the Children's Services Training Academy, the "return to school" program, and the student recruitment program. The Children's Services Training Academy provides a two-week intensive Training and Orientation of New Employees (TONE) within the first month of hire. The office also provides at least four days of advanced training for journey-level workers, and advanced specialized training for experienced staff.

The Children's Services Training Academy staff track the training of OCS social workers and develop curriculum, materials, and technology to deliver current information for OCS social work staff, as well as coordinate and facilitate presentation of training by other experts in the field of child welfare. The University practicum instructors are provided under RSA's with OCS. They are available on site for the students during their practicum time.

The "return to school" program gives OCS staff the opportunity to complete either a Bachelor of Social Work or Master of Social Work degree at UAA or UAF while on educational leave. The staff member is obligated to return to OCS to work upon completion of the degree.

The student recruitment program supports individuals who are completing their BSW degree program at UAA or UAF. These individuals are placed in the Anchorage or Fairbanks OCS offices in special units with a practicum instructor. In an effort to attract new workers to rural areas of the state, the program continues to include an enhanced stipend for any student who will agree to fulfill their work commitment with OCS anywhere in the state.

FY2007 Resources Allocated to Achieve Results

FY2007 Component Budget: \$1,618,200

Personnel:

Full time 0

Part time 0

Total 0

Key Component Challenges

Better Trained Social Workers: The Children's Services Training component will continue to deliver, develop and expand the training for personnel employed or preparing for employment at OCS in areas of prevention, child protection, foster care and adoption assistance.

Enhanced Training for Front Line Workers – OCS was provided one-time funding targeted at enhancing training services for all front line staff. All front line staff will be trained to complete more thorough initial assessments of families in an effort to assess the risk and safety of children and prevent removal of children from their homes whenever they can do so safely. Emphasis will be on working with families in a more cooperative way and to better partner with our community stakeholders.

Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2007

OCS continues to increase ongoing training and staff development for existing front-line and management staff and to provide TONE (Training and Orientation for New Employees) classes through the Office of Children's Services Training Academy for new social workers. Emphasis will be placed on working with families in a more cooperative way and to better partner with our community stakeholders.

Major Component Accomplishments in 2005

Trained New Employees: The Children's Services Training Center delivered 56 courses providing training for 357 workers. Division staff attended training on a variety of topics that included Advanced Intensive Sexual Abuse Interviewing Skills, Core Separation, Placement and Reunification, Structured Decision Making, Indian Child Welfare Act, Advanced Specialized Foster Care & Adoption, and Legal Issues in Child Welfare, Understanding Adolescents, Specialized Case Planning, Adult Psychopathology, Key Issues in Employee Relations Law, Substance Abuse Treatment, Ethical Child Welfare Practice, Issues in Permanency Planning & ICWA, and Coaching Skills for Supervisors.

Offered Social Work Degree Programs at UAA or UAF: OCS and the University of Alaska partnered to give OCS staff the opportunity to complete either a Bachelor of Social Work or Master of Social Work at UAA or UAF while on educational leave.

The Foster Parent Training Center: The Foster Parent Training Center and foster parents met with new workers to explain their roles in assisting children in OCS custody.

Statutory and Regulatory Authority

Social Security Act, Title IV-E, Title IV-B
AS 47.05.010 Duties of Department
AS 47.14.100 Powers and duties of Department over care of children
AS 18.05.010-070 Administration of Public Health and Related Laws

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Children's Services Training Component Financial Summary

All dollars shown in thousands

	FY2005 Actuals	FY2006 Management Plan	FY2007 Governor
Non-Formula Program:			
Component Expenditures:			
71000 Personal Services	61.0	18.0	18.0
72000 Travel	112.7	190.9	190.9
73000 Services	805.4	1,409.3	1,409.3
74000 Commodities	1.7	0.0	0.0
75000 Capital Outlay	0.0	0.0	0.0
77000 Grants, Benefits	-0.8	0.0	0.0
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0
Expenditure Totals	980.0	1,618.2	1,618.2
Funding Sources:			
1002 Federal Receipts	506.9	978.7	978.7
1003 General Fund Match	419.1	639.5	639.5
1004 General Fund Receipts	54.0	0.0	0.0
Funding Totals	980.0	1,618.2	1,618.2

Estimated Revenue Collections

Description	Master Revenue Account	FY2005 Actuals	FY2006 Manageme nt Plan	FY2007 Governor
Unrestricted Revenues				
None.		0.0	0.0	0.0
Unrestricted Total		0.0	0.0	0.0
Restricted Revenues				
Federal Receipts	51010	506.9	978.7	978.7
Restricted Total		506.9	978.7	978.7
Total Estimated Revenues		506.9	978.7	978.7

**Summary of Component Budget Changes
From FY2006 Management Plan to FY2007 Governor***All dollars shown in thousands*

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY2006 Management Plan	639.5	978.7	0.0	1,618.2
FY2007 Governor	639.5	978.7	0.0	1,618.2